

The 119th annual meeting of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association was held on Saturday, February 27, 1988 at the Lamar Community College in Lamar.

President Joe Kasza called the meeting to order and Jim Schleining gave the invocation. The members of the Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association led the pledge of Allegiance. Lee Lirley, past Lamar Chamber of Commerce president gave the welcome.

Joe introduced Bob Josserand, president elect of the NCA and a member of the executive board of the Cattlemen's Promotion and research board, who gave a report on the National Beef Referendum.

Connie Harris, Southeast Colorado Cowbelle President, gave a report on the activities of her group for the past year. She then introduced Marilyn Weber, president elect of the Colorado Cattlewomen, who reported on her activities at the state level. Marilyn then introduced Marilyn King, President of the Colorado Cattlewomen, to give her report.

A short break was held for the members to partake of coffee and donuts furnished by the Federal Land Bank of Lamar and Farm Credit Services of La Junta & Lamar.

Harold Yoder, President of Colorado Cattlemen's Ass'n, gave a legislative report. He reported on the status of workmen's compensation, state lands, C.S.U., brand board costs, trucking, and central filing for Ag credit. He also reported on the NCA convention and announced that a cattle chute was obtained as first prize in CCA membership contest. He thanked Dan Hyatt of the Arkansas Valley Journal for his help in publishing up-to-date information for CCA members.

Joe then introduced H. H. Mendenhall, CCA Treasurer; and Corwin Brown, 2nd Vice President of CCA. Corwin talked about CCA Board activities including the feeder calf sale at National Western Stock Show for benefit of CCA Endowment Trust, membership contests, and the Cattle Guard Magazine.

Joe thanked Bernard Neill and James Heath or their work in getting Bent-Prowers represented at the Stock Show pen of feeders show.

Gary Shoun, Colorado's Brand Commissioner, gave a report on legislation affecting his department. He also introduced Sgt. Vern Jordan, Trooper Perry Powell, and sheriff Goff of Baca County who help work on livestock theft. He announced that the 1988 Brand Books were printed and for sale.

Mel Depra, Area Wildlife Supervisor, made a few comments and suggested that our group meet with the Colorado Wildlife Commission when they come to Lamar September 7 and 8th.

Joe recalled Bob Josserand to give a report on NCA. He stated that NCA belongs in Washington as the spokesman for the cattlemen. NCA's #1 goal for 1988 will be the passage of the Beef Referendum. Other challenges facing the group will be animal rights, Japanese trade barriers, endangered species, heifer tax repeal, and beef safety. More membership is another goal and they need local support.

State Senator Jim Rizzuto reported on the central filing bill and on prisons and property taxes.

Representative Elwood Gillis also addressed prisons, along with daylight savings time and emissions control.

President Kasza introduced Ryan Salee of the Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association. He reported on the new officers for his organization and reminded everyone of the Southeastern Colorado Junior Cattlemen's Association reunion scheduled for June 11, 1988 at Lake Hasty. All former junior cattlemen and advisors are invited to attend.

Karen Turner, district Aide to Congressman Hank Brown, reported on HR 3865, the diesel tax; HR 3907, heifer tax repeal; and HR 4011, exempting farm help from commercial drivers license.

John Smartt presented Life Membership plaques to the following persons who paid lifetime memberships to Bent-Prowers. Ron & Carla Deeds; Joe & Kaye Kasza; Steve & Jamie McEndree; Clyde & Barbara McEndree; Leslie Keenan, Douglas Hasser; Patrick Karney; Spark's Auction; Corwin Brown; and George B. McClave, ~~Harrell~~ ~~Ridley~~.

Copies of the minutes of last years annual meeting were distributed. Lew Mathews moved and Joe Oswald 2nd a motion to accept the minutes as printed. Motion passed.

President Kasza introduced all of his officers and directors. Steve McEndree and Dean Neill gave the audit report (copy follows). Bill Sparks moved and James Heath 2nd a motion to accept the audit report. Motion passed. Steve McEndree then gave the budget for the coming year (copy follows) James Heath moved its adoption 2nd by Joe Oswald. Motion passed.

Clyde McEndree, President of the Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Endowment Trust, gave his financial report. Virgil Lessenden moved and Gene Keenan 2nd a motion to accept this report. After much discussion about why some of the C.D.'s have such low interest rates the motion passed.

Resolutions Committee Chairman, Patrick Karney, then presented his committee's resolutions for consideration.

1. Fuel Excise Tax
2. Heifer Tax Repeal
3. Beef Referendum
4. CCA Endowment Trust
5. Thank You resolution
6. Memorials

Joe Kasza moved & Jim Schleining 2nd a motion to set #4 aside. Motion passed.

James Heath moved that we adopt resolutions #1,2,3,5,6 2nd by Steve McEndree. Motion passed. Resolution #4 was brought up for discussion. Joe Kasza moved to amend #4 by striking the last sentence of the resolution and inserting the following "That CCA create a committee of Past Presidents whose purpose is to generate funds for the CCA Endowment Trust." Clyde McEndree 2nd the amendment. Amendment passed. Ken Clark moved to amend the amendment but failed to get a 2nd. Jim Schleining moved to accept the resolution #4 as amended 2nd by Steve McEndree and passed. (Copy of resolutions follows)

Nominating Committee Chairman, Virgil Lessenden, gave the following report. President, Doug Hasser; 1st Vice President, Patrick Karney; 2nd Vice President, Jim Schleining; Secretary-Treasurer, John A. Smartt; Immediate Past President, Joe Kasza, Past President, Virgil Lessenden; Past President, Bill Sparks. Directors from Kiowa county, Louis James, Jr., Leland Barnes, Bruce Fickenscher, and Kent Johnston; Bent county Doug King, Alan Dean, and Robert Grasmick; Otero county Steve Ptolemy, H. H. Mendenhall, Ross Nielsen, and Donny Hansen; Baca County Steve McEndree, Mark McVey, and Jess Perkins; Prowers County, Ray Hays, James Heath, Delvin Reinert, and Dean Neill. Being no nominations from the floor Jim McMillin moved that we accept the nominees. 2nd by Steve McEndree and passed.

President Joe Kasza thanked all of the officers and directors for their support the past year and then passed the Presidents belt buckle to new President Doug Hasser. After a short acceptance speech, Doug announce that Bent-Prowers has 200 paid up CCA members up to date out of 1315 in CCA. He asked everyone to give Joe Kasza a round of applause for his work this past year. Virgil Lessenden presented Joe Kasza with a belt buckle from Bent-Prowers.

Bill Sparks moved that we adjourn. 2nd by Jim Schleining. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

John A. Smartt
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Secretary

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Saturday evening, February 27, 1988 the group met in the courtyard of the Cow Palace Inn for the Cowboy Punchbowl and dinner.

A Michael Garman statue donated by the family of H. M. Braly, was auctioned off and raised \$325. for the CCA Endowment Fund and \$325 for the Bent-Prowers Endowment Fund. A wreath made by Lisa Hasser raised \$350. for the Bent-Prowers Trust. A brand donated by Robert Morrison in memory of Phil Gilbert sold to Jerry Blackburn for \$575.

Following the auction, Corwin Brown gave the invocation. President Doug Hasser introduced the new officers and guests.

Following dinner Vice President Patrick Karney presented Honorary Life member awards to Eddie Dunlap and Bob Mundell. The drawing for \$50.00 from the paid up member list was won by Henry Manifor.

Dick Spencer, Publisher of "The Western Horseman" magazine gave a humorous talk to end the evening.

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RESOLUTION

BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION

FUEL EXCISE TAX

WHEREAS, The federal government is forcing agriculture operations to pay upfront for fuel excise taxes at the time of purchase, and then applying for refunds for off-road use.

WHEREAS, Cash flow is an all important factor in agriculture operations

WHEREAS, This tax forces an undue hardship on Cash Flow.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assoc. supports legislation that would enable us as agricultural operations , to certify that fuel was intended for off-road use, and thus avoid paying excise taxes.

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RESOLUTION
BENT-PROWERS CATTLE AND HORSE GROWERS ASSOCIATION
"HEIFER RULE"

WHEREAS, The pre-productive expensing provision in the 1986 tax reform act is totally unjust to the rancher/farmers.

WHEREAS, This new tax provision commonly called the "Heifer Rule" can cost as much as \$60 to \$100 in taxes for each raised heifer that is put back in the herd.

WHEREAS, The provision is grossly bias against our industry.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Bent-Prowers cattle And Horse Growers Assoc. go on record as recommending that our congressman support repeal legislation when it is introduced.

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BEEF REFERENDUM

WHEREAS, As Cattleman we need to support the cattle industry through the Beef Referendum

WHEREAS, The check-off has helped in the funding of the national advertising of beef.

THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED, That the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Assoc. supports the Beef Referendum

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a yes vote on the referendum would insure National Beef advertising for the future.

RESOLUTION

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CCA ENDOWMENT TRUST

WHEREAS, the CCA is in dire need of funds.

WHEREAS, The Past presidents of the CCA would solicit funds
for the CCA Endowment Trust

WHEREAS, The main intent of this group would be to entice
large donors to contribute to the endowment fund.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Bent-Prowers Cattle &
Horse Growers Association support the funding
of the CCA Endowment Trust and that CCA create
a committee of Past Presidents whose purpose is
to generate funds for the CCA Endowment Trust.

RESOLUTION # 5

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT THE Bent-Prowers Cattle & Horse Growers Association takes this opportunity to offer sincere thanks and appreciation to the companies, media, and individuals who made us welcome here in Lamar and so generously contributed to the success of this 119 annual Meeting.

RESOLUTION # 6

Since our last annual meeting, many of our beloved and valued members have passed to their reward. We who remain, have enjoyed and benefited from their association, and we are saddened by their absence.

We share in the sorrow of their families and loved ones and to their memory, we pledge to support the principles which these great men and women, who have gone on before us have firmly instilled in our Association.

We, the members of the Bent-Prowers Cattle and Horse Growers Association, now stand to take a moment to memorialize our deceased members.